

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

January 2012 – Week 4

Air Date: January 22 – January 28 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE IMMORTAL 10

JANUARY 1927 AND TRAGEDY STRIKES BAYLOR UNIVERSITY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JANUARY 22, 1927. ON THE ROAD.

THE BAYLOR BASKETBALL TEAM IS HEADED TO AUSTIN THROUGH THE POURING RAIN FOR A CRUCIAL GAME AGAINST THE LONGHORNS.

AT A FOGGY TRAIN CROSSING IN ROUND ROCK, A SPEEDING LOCOMOTIVE SLAMS INTO THE BUS, KILLING 10 OF THE TWENTY-ONE PLAYERS ONBOARD. ONE PLAYER ABE KELLY SAVED FELLOW TEAMMATE WEIR WASHMAN BUT DIED IN THE CRASH.

TODAY, THE IMMORTAL TEN ARE REMEMBERED IN A CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY ON THE BAYLOR CAMPUS BEFORE EACH HOMECOMING. A STATUE ON CAMPUS MEMORIALIZES THE PLAYERS.

BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, THE FIRST HIGHWAY OVERPASS IN TEXAS WAS BUILT IN ROUND ROCK.

THE IMMORTAL 10 DIED 85 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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“Baylor University,” *Wikipedia* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baylor_University#Immortal_Ten), accessed January 12, 2012.

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